

## HENRY O. HAVEMEYER DEAD

### SUGAR MERCHANT DIES AT HIS LONG ISLAND HOME.

Attack of Acute Indigestion on Thanksgiving Day Develops Into Kidney Trouble, Which Causes Death—His Inheritance of a Calling and His Career.

Henry Osborne Havemeyer, president of the American Sugar Refining Company, died yesterday afternoon at 8 o'clock at his country place, Morville, six miles from Northport, L. I. At his bedside when he died were his wife, his son Horace and daughters Electra and Adeline, with the latter's husband, Peter H. B. Frelinghuysen. Mrs. Francis P. Kinnicut and L. C. Frisell of New York and Mr. Havemeyer's brother-in-law, Samuel T. Peters, were also present.

Hope for Mr. Havemeyer's recovery was entertained up to late Tuesday night. He went to Morville on late Wednesday for a few days hunting. After dinner on Thanksgiving Day he hunted quail with his son Horace, and walked a greater distance than his strength would permit. He was stricken that afternoon with acute indigestion. Dr. W. H. Ross, who was summoned from Brentwood, advised that Dr. Kinnicut, the family physician, be sent for. Mrs. Havemeyer and her daughters also hurried to his bedside.

Dr. Kinnicut considered Mr. Havemeyer's condition favorable on Tuesday, that he planned to return to the city that night. Acute nephritis set in, however, and yesterday morning Mr. Havemeyer's heart weakened. The physicians tried with the use of oxygen to save his life.

After Mr. Havemeyer's death a special train was ordered to bring the members of the family and the body back to the city. The train left Northport at 8 o'clock and arrived in Long Island City at 9 o'clock. The body was taken direct to the town house, at 1 East Sixty-sixth street, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Frelinghuysen of Morris-town, N. J., parents of Peter H. B. Frelinghuysen, came to the house last night with other friends and relatives.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed last night, but the funeral will probably take place on Saturday at 10 A. M. Interment will be in the family vault in Greenwood.

Henry O. Havemeyer, one of five sons of the late Frederick C. Havemeyer, who died in 1861, was born in New York on October 18, 1847. After receiving the equivalent of a high school education he was put to learn the business in which his family had been engaged for nearly a century.

The trade of refining sugar came to Henry O. Havemeyer, as it did to his brothers, Theodore, Frederick and George, as a family inheritance. A fifth brother, Charles, died in infancy. In 1862 two brothers, Frederick C. Havemeyer and William F. Havemeyer, came to this country in an emigrant ship from Bieleburg, in the province Schaumburg-Lippe, Germany. When they arrived in New York the brothers set out, with the little money they had and a knowledge of the trade of a sugar refiner, to make a better living for themselves in the New World than they could make in the old.

After looking about a little the brothers opened the first sugar refinery in this country in a little Dutch house, built of brick and trimmed with white tiles, in Vandam street. The refinery was also the home of the young Germans. Below stairs an oven was built in this the sugar was baked, from which fact the house was known as the "bakery." The living apartments were on the second floor. Soon after the Havemyers started their refinery Frederick C. Havemeyer, the elder of the brothers, met and married Miss Catherine Billiger, a native of Little Britain, Orange county, New York. In 1867 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Havemeyer and in due time he was christened as John Frederick C. Havemeyer and his father named Frederick C. Havemeyer, Jr.

William F. Havemeyer married after a time and his son was named William F. Havemeyer, Jr. These two cousins succeeded to the business which their fathers had founded and continued it until 1842, when both retired, each being succeeded by a brother. William F. Havemeyer went into politics and became Mayor of New York. Frederick C. Havemeyer and his wife, who was Miss Susan S. Henderson of this city, went abroad. This Frederick C. Havemeyer was the father of Theodore, Frederick, Charles, George and Henry O.

When the eldest of these boys was old enough to do something for himself, the father returned from his travels to reengage in the business of the Havemeyer family for two generations. He bought the refinery on the East River front in Williamsburg between South Third and South Fourth streets. The property was known as the Huse warehouse. After this purchase had been made, Mr. Havemeyer formed the firm of Havemeyer, Townsend & Co. So it continued until 1861, the company being Mr. Havemeyer's eldest son, George. In that year George Havemeyer was killed in the refinery and Mr. Townsend withdrew. J. Lawrence Elder, Mr. Havemeyer's brother-in-law, and Theodore A. Havemeyer, his eldest living son, were taken into the firm, which became Havemyers & Elder. Mr. Elder died in 1868.

While these changes in the firm were taking place the two other sons of Frederick C. Havemeyer, Thomas and Henry O., were passing through the same experience through which their brothers, George and Theodore, had passed, that of the sugar refiner's apprentice. There was no part of the business of refining sugar that the sons of Frederick C. Havemeyer did not learn. Therefore when Mr. Elder died the two remaining sons were taken into the firm, whose style remained as it was before Mr. Elder's death. At the time that Thomas and Henry O. Havemeyer were taken in, F. C. Havemeyer's nephew, C. N. Senf, was made a partner.

The makeup of the firm remained as above until the so-called sugar trust was formed in 1887. This was made up of fifteen of the largest refineries in the country. The legality of the trust was questioned and the courts finally dissolved it. In its stead the present trust was formed under the laws of the State of New Jersey. The charter was granted in 1891, the year in which F. C. Havemeyer died.

Theodore A. Havemeyer, who died on April 26, 1897, looked after the details of the refinery, while Henry O. Havemeyer attended to the financial end. He was a hard worker all his life. He reached his

## BARING & CO. TO DISSOLVE.

### Kidder, Peabody & Co. Will Succeed to the Baring Business Here.

The banking house of Baring & Co. of this city, New York representatives of Baring Bros. & Co., Limited, of London will be dissolved on January 1. The business, however, will be conducted much as before by Kidder, Peabody & Co. of Boston, who have been Baring agents of the Baring and for whom the Baring New York house has acted as New York agent. Kidder, Peabody & Co. will open a New York house on the date of the dissolution of Baring & Co.

Of the three members of the firm of Baring & Co. Hugo Baring will return to England, where he will be connected with Baring Bros. & Co., and G. D. Hallock, the exchange member, and A. L. Mason will become members of the New York house of Kidder, Peabody & Co. Associated with the two latter in that house will be W. L. Benedict, who has been in charge of the Boston office of Kidder, Peabody & Co. for many years. The New York office of the Boston firm will be at 56 Wall street. Most of the clerks in the employ of Baring & Co. will be retained by Kidder, Peabody & Co.

At the offices of Baring & Co. yesterday it was said that the step had been in contemplation for many months. Kidder, Peabody & Co. were anxious to open a New York house, and it was realized that the New York business of Baring Bros. & Co. of London could be transacted quite as well through Kidder, Peabody & Co. This, it was said, was the only reason for the change. It is expected that the New York house of Kidder, Peabody & Co. will have charge of much important financing of the same character as that which has been transacted by the Boston house. The firm acts as fiscal agents for many important corporations.

## STEVE ADAMS EXTRADITED.

### Idaho Will Turn Him Over to Colorado to Answer Murder Charge.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 4.—Gov. Gooding today honored a requisition for Steve Adams, arrested at Telluride, Colo., on a charge of having murdered Arthur Collins. Adams was recently tried at Rathdrum, Idaho, for the murder of Fred Taylor, and the jury disagreed. It is understood he will be brought to Boise and kept until after the Pettibone trial, when he will be turned over to the Colorado authorities.

## TAKES A WHACK AT ROOSEVELT.

### Philadelphia's Mayor Says He Wants to Put Government Fingers Into Everything.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4.—Mayor John E. Reubyn, formerly a Congressman from Philadelphia, savated the President to-day while discussing his message to Congress. "The President acts like a schoolboy who has been spanked and is going to be good. But after reading his message through it seems to me that he needs another spanking," Mayor Reubyn said.

"There is his campaign contribution proposition, for instance. It's just another evil of his idea of centralization of government. He wants the Government to have a finger in everything. He thinks we ought to have a paternal government, with the great white father at Washington to run everything. "If his ideas are accepted inside of twenty years we will have another Russia here. Everything will be run by bureaus and every man's actions will be under Government supervision. "Then we will be having men hauled off to jail for infraction of Government regulations without the formality of court proceedings. It will be a case of Secret Service men running the country. "The present policy of the Administration seems to be directed to trying to weaken the opposition to its centralizing policies by assuring some business interests that they will fare better under control of the Federal Government than under the restrictions which may be imposed by the several States. I do not believe that this will be the case. Joe Cannon has done more in five minutes than the others could do in years to reassure the country that revolutionary changes shall not be brought about. He warned Congress against haste and ill considered legislation. He has the power to prevent such legislation and no such legislation will go through, President or no President."

## NORTH CAROLINA RATE CASE.

### State Supreme Court Holds That Federal Court Has No Right to Interfere.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Dec. 4.—The North Carolina Supreme Court today filed its long expected opinion in the Southern Railway passenger rate case.

The court holds with Judge Long, who imposed the \$30,000 fine upon the Southern for violating the new passenger rate law, on every point, but it reverses his judgment in imposing the fine on the ground that this particular indictment failed to allege any criminal offense.

Notwithstanding that Judge Long is reversed and the indictments and criminal proceedings are dismissed the court decides all the grave and important Federal questions involved in favor of the State.

"The court holds that if the State cannot enforce the laws without interference by the Federal Government and its courts, then authority and separate sovereignty of the State is a myth and not a reality and that the Federal court cannot stay the arm of the State in executing its own criminal laws. "The court holds that the injunction suit brought by the railroads in the United States court is virtually a suit against the State within the meaning of the Eleventh Amendment to the United States Constitution. "The court finds that the railway had time to make its defence in this case, and that the proceedings in the Federal court did not constitute a defence to the indictment or prevent the Grand Jury from returning a bill and the State court from taking cognizance of the same and trying the case."

Jacked in His Book Store. Edwin E. Baldwin, 75 years old, who keeps a book shop at 2032 Eighth avenue, was assaulted with a blackjack last night by a well dressed young man, ostensibly a customer. Baldwin climbed up a ladder to look for a price catalogue and the stranger struck him over the head, making a cut six inches long. The book man cried for help and the stranger ran. Baldwin will recover.

DEWEY'S PURE GRAPE JUICE. Seafood Air Line—purest, most attractive route. Booklets, 1233 Broadway—Adm.

## NEW COLLECTOR FOR THIS PORT

### EDWARD S. FOWLER TO SUCCEED COLLECTOR STRANAHAN.

The Nomination a Surprise to Senator Platt—He Couldn't Say Whether or Not He Would Oppose Confirmation—Stranahan Resigned Because of Ill Health.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—President Roosevelt sent to the Senate to-day the nomination of Edward S. Fowler to be Collector of Customs of the Port of New York. Mr. Fowler is the present appraiser of the port. The nomination gave the first information to the Senate that Nevada N. Stranahan had retired from the Collectorship, although it was known that his health was very poor. Senators Platt and Dewey were not informed that Mr. Fowler would be appointed, in fact they did not know of the vacancy in the office.

Mr. Fowler's appointment is attributed directly to Secretary of the Treasury Cortelyou. They are old friends. They were associated in the Appraiser's office in New York when Mr. Cortelyou was a clerk there. It was said at the Treasury Department to-day that Mr. Fowler was a man of much ability and had won promotion by his good work. The appointment, it was declared, was made on merit solely and politics was not involved.

Mr. Stranahan suffered a physical and nervous breakdown several months ago and went to Europe to recuperate. Finding that his health did not improve he sent his resignation to the President from Europe, where he is still. It was explained to-day that the resignation had not been accepted for a long time in the hope that Mr. Stranahan would recover sufficiently to resume the duties of collector. Secretary Cortelyou said that Mr. Stranahan was one of the most efficient collectors ever stationed at the port of New York and the Treasury Department regretted greatly to lose his services.

Whether there will be a fight on Mr. Fowler's nomination in the Senate is not known, but all the indications are that he will obtain confirmation without opposition. Senator Platt said that the nomination came as a surprise to him. He had received no intimation of it, he said, or even that Mr. Fowler was a candidate. He could not tell, he said, whether he would oppose the confirmation of the nomination until he looked into the matter. However, he added, he had favored Mr. Fowler's nomination for the appraisership, and as far as he knew there was no reason why he should not be promoted to the collectorship.

Charles W. McDonough of New Jersey was nominated to be Assistant Appraiser in the District of New York. Col. Edward S. Fowler was born in Newburgh, Orange county, N. Y., about fifty-four years ago. He was educated in the public schools of his native town and at Highland Academy. Early in life he got a job as clerk in the War Department at Washington and studied law at Columbia University, where he was graduated. Coming to this city he practiced law and soon entered the National Guard, becoming in turn a Captain, a Lieutenant-Colonel and Assistant Judge Advocate on the staff of Governors Black and Odell.

At the opening of the Spanish war in 1898 Col. Fowler was made a paymaster of United States Volunteers, with the rank of Major. In this capacity he served throughout the war, and was promoted to the rank of Colonel. He was continuing the practice of law in this city until 1904, when he was appointed assistant chief of the Record and Pension Office of the War Department. The Senate declining to confirm his nomination he resumed the practice of law. He was nominated for Appraiser of the Port of New York on May 21, 1906, his nomination having the support of George B. Cortelyou, the Postmaster-General, but the President withdrew the nomination temporarily on account of a communication made by Wilbur F. Wake-man of the American Protective Tariff League, who informed the President that some trouble had arisen out of Fowler's action upon a claim that came under his supervision when he was law clerk and Assistant Appraiser in the Appraiser's Department under President Arthur. No formal charges were ever made, and after investigating the matter the President concluded that no discredit attached to Col. Fowler. He renewed the nomination, it was confirmed by the Senate and Col. Fowler took office as Appraiser on July 9, 1906, succeeding George W. Whitehead.

Upon his accession to office he sent out his policy: "There will be no removals of assistant appraisers, examiners and other employees in this office without just cause. Unless it is clearly shown that officials are inefficient or incompetent they will be retained. No man who does his duty need fear the new administration." This promise Col. Fowler has kept to the letter and his administration is generally regarded as having been businesslike and efficient.

Col. Fowler now lives at 545 West 148th street but has not been lately very actively identified with any sort of party political activity. Previous to 1901 his home was in Brooklyn, where he was connected with the local Republican organization. While a resident of Brooklyn Col. Fowler was appointed by the Supreme Court to act as referee in the famous case of the city of Brooklyn against John V. McKane, the notorious Gravesend boss. The court recovered a judgment of more than \$400,000 for the misappropriation of city funds. Col. Fowler also served as a member of a commission to deal with the location of loop lines for the building of tunnels under the East River. He is a member of the Sons of the Revolution, the Society of the War of 1812, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, the Sons of Veterans and the Society of Spanish War Veterans.

A friend of Col. Fowler said yesterday that his nomination for the Collectorship came as a surprise but no doubt would be accepted.

## Equal Pay for Teachers in Buffalo.

BUFFALO, Dec. 4.—The Buffalo Board of Aldermen has voted that hereafter women teachers in the public schools shall receive the same salaries as men in equal grades of work. The decision involves an increase of about \$50,000 in the annual expenses of conducting the schools. The distinction "male" and "female" teachers on the payroll is to be discontinued.

## WALT WHITMAN'S BRAIN LOST.

### Was Left for Study, but Was Destroyed by Careless Hospital Employee.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4.—Dr. Edward Anthony Spitzka, professor of general anatomy at Jefferson Medical College and one of the most distinguished anthropological scholars in the world, revealed to-night in a published report of his comparative study of the brains of great Americans that the brain of Walt Whitman had been lost to science.

Through the carelessness of a hospital employee the jar containing Whitman's brain slipped to the floor and was broken. Not even the pieces of the organ, which might have revealed so much to science, were saved.

Dr. Spitzka, in an interview, deplored the loss of this marvellous brain and admitted that important results might have been obtained had the brain been saved. Dr. E. Spitzka's work is entitled "A Study of the Brains of Six Eminent Scientists and Scholars Belonging to the American Anthropometric Society. Together with a Description of the Skull of Prof. E. D. Cope."

The title fails to convey an idea of the wide scope of the book. It covers the whole ground of the relation of the brain to the mind.

The brains to which Dr. Spitzka has devoted the closest study are those of Drs. Joseph Leydy, Philip Leydy, William Pepper, Andrew J. Parker, Harrison Allen and Prof. E. D. Cope, all of Philadelphia.

## WILL EAT AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

### All the Men Who Accompanied the President in the Canoe Trip Invited.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The mighty hunters will gather at the White House at dinner on Friday night by invitation of the President. All the men who accompanied him on his October hunt in the Louisiana canoes will be invited to dine with him on Friday night.

Harley and Cline Metcalf of Greenville, Miss., arrived this morning and called at the President's office to shake hands with Mr. Roosevelt. Phil Stewart, who went on the Colorado hunt, is expected in a day or two, and Cecil Lyon of Texas, another of the mountain lion hunters, is here. Among others who have shared the spoils of the chase with the President and who will attend the dinner are Alexander Lambert of New York and John M. Parker of New Orleans.

## SUBWAY BLOCKED SIX HOURS.

### Collision of Dead Cars Stalls Night Traffic in the Bronx.

Switchman Frank Crosby, taking a train of eight cars down the centre track of the subway just north of Simpson street on the West Farms division last night to lay up, failed to check the cars in time and they ran into several dead cars. The third and fourth cars of the switchman's train climbed so that the front end of each overlapped the rear of the car ahead. Crosby was unhurt, although the car he was running was demolished.

Both tracks on each side of the centre track were strewn with wreckage, and no trains could be run on the West Farms line north of the Prospect avenue station for six hours after the collision. The Southern Boulevard trolley line running underneath the elevated structure on which the subway runs at this point was also out of commission because falling debris broke its wires.

## WOMAN STOPS POKER GAME.

### Detectives Take Her Tip and Raid Some Busy Musicians.

A woman appealed to Capt. Martens of the East Eighty-eighth street police station several days ago to stop gambling in an apartment on the second floor of 182 East Eighty-first street. She said her husband, a musician, had lost much money there.

Detectives found this card upon the door: "J. H. Vanslyke, Music Instrument Repairer and Musician." They rolled stones down the stairs late and groaned after getting no answer to their knocking at the door, but nobody came out to see what the trouble was. A few minutes later a man came and after giving three gentle raps was admitted. The detectives squeezed in after him. They found six men who, they alleged, were playing draw poker, all of whom described themselves as musicians.

The prisoners were taken to the East Eighty-eighth street station, where an additional charge of disorderly conduct was placed against them. They will be arraigned to-day in the Harlem police court.

## FORMER PRIEST ARRESTED.

J. J. Langan Held for Grabbing \$150 From a Woman From Whom He Asked a Loan.

J. J. Langan, up to six months ago an assistant priest at the Church of St. Francis de Chantal, Fifty-seventh street and Thirtieth avenue, Blythebourne, was held in \$2,000 bail yesterday morning for grand larceny by Magistrate Voorhees in the district police court. Mr. Langan, a Reformer of East Nineteenth street and Avenue T, Coney Island, was the complainant. She alleged that Langan asked for a loan of \$10 from her and when she drew the money from a reticule which contained \$150 he grabbed it and ran.

Langan, when arrested at his apartment at 320 West Fourteenth street early yesterday morning, described himself as W. B. Lambert, a real estate broker of 81 Prince Street, Brooklyn. He admitted later that his name was Langan.

## BUTLER HAD \$30,000 IN JEWELS.

### Boston Police Quite Easily Get Them Back for Walter B. Devereux.

Alvin Devereux, son of Walter B. Devereux of the West End avenue yesterday identified as Barton Heist, formerly his father's butler, a man arrested on Tuesday in Boston charged with the larceny of several thousand dollars' worth of jewels from the Devereux home last week.

Heist attracted attention in Boston by trying to pawn diamonds and pearls valued at \$4,000 for a fraction of that amount. When arrested a check found upon his person for a bag in the Grand Central Station. In the bag was clothing marked "Devereux." Mr. Devereux in the meantime had reported to Central Office that twenty diamond and sapphire rings had been taken from his wife's apartment and three diamond pendants. The Boston police report that they have recovered everything. Heist was brought to New York yesterday, but the jewels are held by the Boston officials. They will be returned to-day and "fictitious" teachers on the payroll is to be discontinued.

## BARON WAS FLEECE AT SEA

### VAN ITTERSUM WON'T HAVE TO PAY HIS 1, 0, U. S.

Set Into a Game on the Kronprinzessin Cecile With Mister Bert Goibie and Found Afterward That the Cards Were Marked—Told the Police Subur.

A story of a game with marked cards on the steamship Kronprinzessin Cecile came out when Bert Goibie, who is known as Bert Goldblatt, and who comes from San Francisco, was arrested yesterday afternoon at Broadway and Thirty-fourth street by Detectives Miller and Galvin. He was arraigned in the Tombs police court before Magistrate Butts charged with bringing stolen money into the State, money obtained by fraud and device. The complainant against him was Baron Van Ittersum. Goibie was held in \$1,000 bail for examination on Friday.

Goibie and some others were passengers with the Baron on the Kronprinzessin Cecile, which arrived on Tuesday. On Saturday the Baron played cards with Goibie and friends of both, and the Baron lost \$900 in cash and \$1,400 besides, for which he gave notes, one of \$500 and one of \$500.

While the game was going on it was watched by several other passengers. One of them, an American, described by Detective Miller as a man of international reputation, whose name he was under orders not to reveal, told the Baron afterward that he had been defrauded and advised him to get the cards with which they had played.

The Baron got the cards, and when he looked them over found that they were marked. This, according to the detective, he did not do until after he reached land. After making the discovery he notified Police Headquarters.

The Baron is on a trip around the world from Holland, and is accompanied by several friends. He is about 37 years old. He went to the Westport-Astoria with his friends. Judged from the place where Goibie was arrested, it is believed that he was on his way to get the money due on the notes when the detectives saw him. Goibie had the two notes when arrested.

Goibie is reported to have told Inspector McCafferty that he knew Doc Owen and some other gamblers and also that he was acquainted with Abe Ruef of San Francisco.

## W. H. SKILLMAN CONVICTED.

### Aged Horticulturist Found Guilty of Uttering a Forged Will of His Friend.

SOMERSET, N. J., Dec. 4.—William H. Skillman, ex-president of the New Jersey Horticulture Society, who has been well known in the social and business affairs of Somerset county for a half a century, was convicted in the Somerset court to-night of uttering a forged will of his old friend and neighbor the late William Lanehart for the purpose of obtaining half of Lanehart's estate, valued at \$10,000. The jury arrived at a verdict after deliberating thirty hours.

Skillman, who is more than 70 years old, is likely to be placed in the Somerset county jail to-morrow unless he is released under heavy bonds pending an appeal for a new trial.

Three of Skillman's children and his friend William Ely swore that they saw Lanehart sign the alleged will, while Jennie Opyk and other witnesses of good character testified that Lanehart had told them a short time before his death that he had made his will and left Skillman a large share of his property.

## SUICIDE BEFORE HIS PARENTS.

### John Ingebrand, Jr., Wounds His Father and Kills Himself at Mount Vernon.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Dec. 4.—Crazed by the belief that members of the Black Hand were conspiring to kill his parents and kidnap him John Ingebrand, Jr., attempted to-night to murder his wealthy father, John Ingebrand, Sr., of Mount Vernon. After his father and mother had fought to tear the revolver from their son's grasp he fired a bullet into his head and dropped dead at his parents' feet.

The attack and suicide took place in the Ingebrand villa, at 147 Elm avenue, Chester Hill, a residential part of Mount Vernon. It was only the poor aim of Ingebrand, who was a deaf man, that saved his father's life. The bullet he fired entered Mr. Ingebrand's head back of the right ear and then curved, coming out of the right cheek, causing only a flesh wound.

Young Ingebrand had been demoted for two years. At one time it was intended to commit him to Bloomingdale, but his mother opposed this plan because she believed him to be harmless. Mr. Ingebrand said to-night that his son had said in his sign language that there was a conspiracy to burn the house and kidnap him. When several signs were placed on a fence across the way he said it was another warning from the Black Hand men.

About 8 o'clock to-night Mr. Ingebrand was sitting in his bedroom talking to his wife. His son walked into the room and without warning fired at him. Despite his wound Mr. Ingebrand fought with him for the revolver. They struggled into an adjoining room and Mrs. Ingebrand tried to seize the revolver. During the struggle father, mother and son fell on the floor. The son wrenched his right arm loose and shot himself in the right temple. He was a retired merchant of Manhattan. He moved from Harlem to Mount Vernon about a year ago for the benefit of his son's health.

## Clubhouse for the Seventh Regiment.

Plans have been filed with Building Superintendent Murphy for making over the fourth story at 168 East Sixty-sixth street, owned by W. S. Snodgrass, into a clubhouse for the use of the members of the Seventh Regiment. The improvements are to cost \$3,500.

## Oklahoma Legislature at Work on "Jim Crow" Laws.

GUTHRIE, Okla., Dec. 4.—Severe legislation of the "Jim Crow" type along lines recommended in the Governor's message is under consideration in both houses.

After all, USHER, the Scotch that made the Highland famous.—Adm.

## A PLEA FOR CHINESE LABOR.

### California Fruit Growers Appeal to Congress for Repeal of Exclusion Act.

MARTINEZ, Cal., Dec. 4.—California fruit growers in convention here to-day adopted a memorial to Congress asking for the repeal of the Chinese exclusion act. The memorial declares that this is the only method of getting labor for orchards and vineyards as well as for market gardens and sugar beet farms.

It says that exclusion has driven the Chinese from farms into cities where they get better wages as cooks and have brought thousands of Japanese in who are greatly inferior to the Chinese as workers.

It says that opposition to Asiatic labor is found mainly in cities and is due to labor agitators, themselves of alien blood, and that they and their fellows refuse to do at any price work now done by Asiatics. The memorial ends with the statement that there is no evidence that the Western States have ever suffered economic loss from the presence of Chinese.

## FRENCH BALLOON HIT IRELAND.

### La Patrie, Damaged in Collision With County Down, Flies Away Again.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, Dec. 4.—The French military balloon La Patrie, which broke away from 200 soldiers who were holding it at Verdun, France, last Saturday, landed on Sunday afternoon on a farm at Ballynahall, County Down, Ireland.

It struck the ground twice, knocking its wings off, and then rose into the air again. It has not been seen since it passed over Lally.

## HOUSE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS.

### Votes 124 to 4 to Make Recommendations for Committee Assignments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The Democrats of the House met in caucus to-night and by a vote of 124 to 4 decided against the proposition advanced by Representative Jones of Virginia that Minority Leader Williams should not make any recommendations to the Speaker for committee assignments. Those who opposed such recommendation were Jones of Virginia, Sladen of Texas, Lamar of Florida and Hardwick of Georgia. A resolution by Mr. Gaines of Tennessee, protesting against the Republican rules of the House, went over until the next caucus and a resolution regarding amendments to the railroad rate bill was referred to the minority members of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

## PLANS TO END COAL FAMINES.

### Harriman Willroads to Encourage Development of Wyoming and Colorado Fields.

OMAHA, Dec. 4.—The Union Pacific Railroad to-day officially announced that the Harriman roads would begin upon measures to prevent the possibility of coal famines, and to that end would construct a number of branch lines into new coalfields in Wyoming. The road will also create coal storage yards at Omaha, Council Bluffs, Grand Island and other points.

The announcement is contained in a circular issued from the general manager's office. In the past it has been the policy of the Union Pacific to prevent outsiders from operating coal mines in Wyoming in competition with the mines owned by the company, but with the retirement of the Union Pacific from mining in January next the road will favor the development of the Wyoming fields.

The Union Pacific will also build lines into the Colorado hard coal fields which are now without a railroad. The Colorado hard coal is of fine quality, but has never been mined commercially for lack of transportation.

## GIVES FORT LEE TO UNCLE SAM.

### Man Who Prefers to Be Unnamed Offers the Site on the Palisades.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Archibald Douglas,